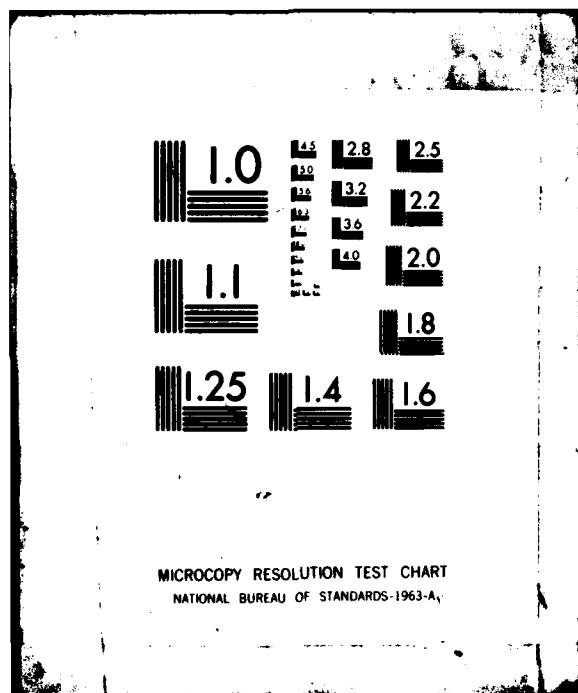


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## I. INTRODUCTION

In the past several years the US Army Missile Command (MICOM) has been engaged in the development of techniques for improving the self-alignment performance of an inertial measurement unit (IMU) [1 to 12]. This report documents the continued findings of new techniques applicable to IMU self-alignment.

The precision of and the required time for IMU self-alignment depend not only on the quality of the IMU hardware but also on the effectiveness of the attendant software. In fact, an ingeniously developed self-alignment algorithm enables the compensation of anomalous effects caused by hardware imperfections. Thus, the stability of the hardware characteristics has become more important than the exactness of the hardware.

In general, an IMU self-alignment procedure contains on-line determination of a set of parameters characterizing the state of the IMU. To cope with the ever existing effect of random noise and disturbances, redundant measurements and a regression type of data reduction technique are used for improving parameter determination accuracy. The purpose of this report is to describe two features of data reduction for the self-alignment of a gimballed IMU. The procedure involves an accelerometer based two-position self-alignment technique which has been reported in detail elsewhere [1, 5, 7]. The two features to be discussed are a continuous-time algorithm and a "scraping" technique. Since the present concern is the data reduction software, only the necessary background will be reviewed.

## II. THE ANALYTIC MODEL

The parameters to be determined during IMU self-alignment are contained in the following two measurement equations,

$$V_N(t) = A_1 t + A_2 t^2 + \mu A_4 t^3 \quad (1)$$

$$V_E(t) = A_3 t + A_4 t^2 - \mu A_2 t^3 \quad (2)$$

where  $A_i$ ,  $i=1$  to 4, are the parameters,  $t$  is the time variable,  $\mu$  is a constant, and  $V_N(t)$  and  $V_E(t)$  are observed north and east velocities. By letting  $t=kT$ , the discrete-time counterparts of Equations (1) and (2) are obtained as

$$V_N(kT) = B_1 k + B_2 k^2 + \nu B_4 k^3 \quad (3)$$

$$V_E(kT) = B_3 k + B_4 k^2 - \nu B_2 k^3 \quad (4)$$

where

$$B_1 = A_1\tau \quad B_2 = A_2\tau^2$$

$$B_3 = A_3\tau \quad B_4 = A_4\tau^2$$

$$v = \mu\tau.$$

The discrete-time model, given by Equations (3) and (4), was used by the present authors in the previous development of a data reduction algorithm.

### III. CONTINUOUS-TIME REGRESSION ALGORITHM

The continuous-time regression algorithm differs from the discrete-time one in that the former uses integrations while the latter uses summations. It is apparent that the latter is the approximation for the former. A simple demonstration of this effect is given below.

Example: Consider a polynomial model

$$V(t) = at + bt^2 + ct^3. \quad (5)$$

and the associated integral square error

$$I_1 = \int_0^T [V(t) - (at + bt^2 + ct^3)]^2 dt. \quad (6)$$

The discrete-time versions of Equations (5) and (6) are

$$V(k) = a\tau k + b\tau^2 k^2 + c\tau^3 k^3 \quad (7)$$

and

$$I_2 = \sum_{k=1}^N \tau [V(k) - (a\tau k + b\tau^2 k^2 + c\tau^3 k^3)]^2 \quad (8)$$

where  $N = T/\tau$ . Elements of the matrices of the associated normal equations are

$$C_m = \int_0^T t^m dt, \quad m = 2 \text{ to } 6 \quad (9)$$

for the continuous-time model, and

$$C_m = \tau^{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^N k^m, \quad m = 2 \text{ to } 6 \quad (10)$$

for the discrete-time model. Let  $t=240$  and  $\tau=.192$ , then  $N=240/.192=1250$ . The computed values of  $C_m$  and  $C'_m$  are listed in Table I. Percent errors in  $C_m$  caused by use of the discrete-time model are also listed in the table.

Return to the IMU measurement model represented by Equations (1) and (2). The integral-square error resulting from a continuous-time least-square regression is given by

$$I(t_k) = \int_0^{t_k} [v_N(t) - (A_1 t + A_2 t^2 + \mu A_4 t^3)]^2 dt + \int_0^{t_k} [v_E(t) - (A_3 t + A_4 t^2 + \mu A_2 t^3)]^2 dt. \quad (11)$$

Letting  $\frac{\delta I}{\delta A_1} = \frac{\delta I}{\delta A_2} = \frac{\delta I}{\delta A_3} = \frac{\delta I}{\delta A_4} = 0$

yields the following set of normal equations which specify the condition for  $I(t_k)$  to be minimum, where all integrations are from  $t=0$  to  $t=t_k$ .

$$\int t v_N dt = A_1 \int t^2 dt + A_2 \int t^3 dt + \mu A_4 \int t^4 dt. \quad (12)$$

$$\int (t^2 v_N - \mu t^3 v_E) dt = A_1 \int t^3 dt + A_2 (\int t^4 dt + \mu^2 \int t^6 dt) - A_3 \mu \int t^4 dt. \quad (13)$$

$$\int t v_E dt = A_3 \int t^2 dt + A_4 \int t^3 dt - \mu A_2 \int t^4 dt. \quad (14)$$

$$\int (t^2 v_E + \mu t^3 v_N) dt = A_3 \int t^3 dt + A_4 (\int t^4 dt + \mu^2 \int t^6 dt) + A_1 \mu \int t^4 dt. \quad (15)$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= \int t v_N dt \\ w_2 &= \int (t^2 v_N - \mu t^3 v_E) dt \\ w_3 &= \int t v_E dt \\ w_4 &= \int (t^2 v_E + \mu t^3 v_N) dt \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

After evaluating the right-hand side integrals of Equations (12), (13), (14), and (15), this set of equations can be written in the matrix form as

TABLE I. VALUES OF ELEMENTS OF NORMAL EQUATION MATRICES

| Continuous - Time<br>Least - Square | Discrete - Time<br>Least - Square | % Error In<br>Discrete - Time Case |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $c_2 = 4.608000 \times 10^6$        | $c'_2 = 4.613271 \times 10^6$     | .11                                |
| $c_3 = 8.294400 \times 10^6$        | $c'_3 = 8.307429 \times 10^8$     | .16                                |
| $c_4 = 1.592525 \times 10^{11}$     | $c'_4 = 1.595635 \times 10^{11}$  | .20                                |
| $c_5 = 3.185050 \times 10^{13}$     | $c'_5 = 3.192629 \times 10^{13}$  | .24                                |
| $c_6 = 6.552100 \times 10^{15}$     | $c'_6 = 6.570238 \times 10^{15}$  | .28                                |

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t_k^3}{3} & \frac{t_k^4}{4} & 0 & \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} \\ \frac{t_k^4}{4} & \frac{t_k^5 + \mu^2 t_k^7}{5} & \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} & \frac{t_k^3}{3} & \frac{t_k^4}{4} \\ \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} & 0 & \frac{t_k^4}{4} & \frac{t_k^5}{5} + \mu^2 \frac{t_k^7}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \\ A_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

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Let the  $4 \times 4$  matrix in Equation (17) be denoted  $G$  and its elements  $g_{ij}$ . Thus

$$g_{11} = g_{33} = \frac{t_k^3}{3}$$

$$g_{12} = g_{21} = g_{34} = g_{43} = \frac{t_k^4}{4}$$

$$g_{22} = g_{44} = \frac{t_k^5 + \mu^2 t_k^7}{5} \quad (18)$$

$$g_{14} = g_{41} = -g_{23} = -g_{32} = \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5}$$

$$g_{13} = g_{24} = g_{31} = g_{42} = 0$$

Let

$$H = G^{-1} \quad (19)$$

and

$$A = g_{11} g_{22} - g_{12}^2 - g_{14}^2. \quad (20)$$

Then, the elements of  $H$ , denoted  $h_{ij}$ , are given by

$$h_{11} = h_3 = \frac{g_{22}}{A} = K_1$$

$$h_{22} = h_{44} = \frac{g_{11}}{A} = K_2$$

$$h_{12} = h_{21} = h_{34} = h_{43} = -\frac{g_{12}}{A} = -K_3 \quad (21)$$

$$h_{14} = h_{41} = -h_{23} = -h_{32} = -\frac{g_{14}}{A} = -K_4$$

$$h_{13} = h_{24} = h_{31} = h_{42} = 0$$

where  $K_i$ ,  $i=1$  to 4, is defined here to simplify the notation. The parameters  $A_i$ ,  $i=1$  to 4, are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \\ A_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_3 & 0 & -K_4 \\ -K_3 & K_2 & K_4 & 0 \\ 0 & K_4 & K_1 & -K_3 \\ -K_4 & 0 & -K_3 & K_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \\ W_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

To evaluate  $K_i$ , use Equation (18) in (20) and (21) to give

$$K_1 = \frac{2400 Q}{t_k^3 p}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{2800}{t_k^5 p}$$

$$K_3 = \frac{2100}{t_k^4 P} \quad (23)$$

$$K_4 = \frac{1630}{t_k^3 P}$$

where

$$P = 35 + 64 \frac{u^2 t_k^2}{t_k^2} \quad (24)$$

$$Q = 7 + 5 \frac{u^2 t_k^2}{t_k^2}$$

The evaluation of integrals of  $W_i$ ,  $i = 1$  to 4, as given by Equation (16) is more involved. First, let the velocity at any time be modeled by

$$V(t) = V(t_i) + a(t - t_i) \quad (25)$$

where  $a$  is an estimated acceleration given by

$$a = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{V_f - V_i}{t_f - t_i} \quad (26)$$

In Equations (25) and (26),  $t_i$  is the initial time and  $t_f$  the final time of a computation interval  $\Delta t$ . Also,  $V_i = V(t_i)$  and  $V_f = V(t_f)$ . In the sequel, the notation  $(\ )_k$  will be used to indicate that all quantities inside the parentheses are for the  $k$ -th computation interval. Next, consider  $W_1$  of Equation (16).

$$(W_1)_k = (W_1)_{k-1} + \left( \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left[ V_{Ni} t + \frac{\Delta V n}{\Delta t} (t - t_i) dt \right] \right)_k$$

$$= (W_1)_{k-1} + \left( V_{Ni} \frac{t_f^2 - t_i^2}{2} \right)_k$$

$$+ \left( \frac{V_{Ni} - V_{Nf}}{t_f - t_i} \right)_k \left( \frac{t_f^3 - t_i^3}{3} - t_i \frac{t_f^2 - t_i^2}{2} \right)_k$$

After steps of algebraic simplification, one gets

$$(W_1)_k = (W_1)_{k-1} - \left( \frac{V_{Nf} - V_{Ni}}{6} \right)_k (t_f^2 + t_f t_i + t_i^2)_k + \left( \frac{V_{Nf} t_f^2 - V_{Ni} t_i^2}{2} \right)_k \quad (27)$$

Similarly, for  $W_3$  of Equation (16),

$$(W_3)_k = (W_3)_{k-1} - \left( \frac{V_{Ef} - V_{Ei}}{6} \right)_k (t_f^2 + t_f t_i + t_i^2)_k + \left( \frac{V_{Ef} t_f^2 - V_{Ei} t_i^2}{2} \right)_k \quad (28)$$

Finally, consider  $W_2$  of Equation (16),

$$\begin{aligned} (W_2)_k &= (W_2)_{k-1} \\ &+ \left( \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left[ V_{Ni} + \frac{\Delta V_N}{\Delta t} (t - t_i) \right] t^2 dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \mu \left[ V_{Ef} + \frac{\Delta V_E}{\Delta t} (t - t_i) \right] t^3 dt \right)_k \\ &= (W_2)_{k-1} + \left( V_{Ni} \frac{t_f^3 - t_i^3}{3} \right)_k \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{V_{Nf} - V_{Ni}}{t_f - t_i} \right)_k \left( \frac{t_f^4 - t_i^4}{4} - \frac{t_f^3 - t_i^3}{3} \cdot t_i \right)_k \end{aligned}$$

After simplification,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (W_2)_k &= (W_2)_{k-1} + \left( \frac{V_{Nf} t_f^3 - V_{Ni} t_i^3}{3} \right)_k + \mu \left( \frac{V_{Ef} t_f^4 - V_{Ei} t_i^4}{4} \right)_k \\
 &\quad - \left( \frac{V_{Nf} - V_{Ni}}{12} \right)_k (t_f^3 + t_f^2 t_i + t_f t_i^2 + t_i^3)_k \\
 &\quad + \mu \left( \frac{V_{Ef} - V_{Ei}}{20} \right)_k (t_f^4 + t_f^3 t_i + t_f^2 t_i^2 + t_f t_i^3 + t_i^4)_k. \quad (29)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $W_4$  of Equation (16),

$$\begin{aligned}
 (W_4)_k &= (W_4)_{k-1} + \left( \frac{V_{Ef} t_f^3 - V_{Ei} t_i^3}{3} \right)_k + \mu \left( \frac{V_{Nf} t_f^4 - V_{Ni} t_i^4}{4} \right)_k \\
 &\quad - \left( \frac{V_{Ef} - V_{Ei}}{12} \right)_k (t_f^3 + t_f^2 t_i + t_f t_i^2 + t_i^3)_k \\
 &\quad - \mu \left( \frac{V_{Nf} - V_{Ni}}{20} \right)_k (t_f^4 + t_f^3 t_i + t_f^2 t_i^2 + t_f t_i^3 + t_i^4)_k. \quad (30)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equations (27) to (30) are recursive updating equations for  $W_i$  which are needed in Equation (22) for the recursive determination of  $A_i$ .

Equations (22), (23), (24), (27), (28), (29), and (30) constitute the set of continuous-time regression algorithms.

#### IV. THE SCRAPING FEATURE

Consider a regression model

$$V = Ak + Bk^2, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (31)$$

where  $V$  is measured while  $A$  and  $B$  are parameters to be determined. Assume that  $B$  is much smaller than  $A$ . Under this condition the determination of  $B$  will be less accurate than that of  $A$  because of computation round-off errors. One way to get around this difficulty is to subtract from  $V$  the amount  $\bar{A}k$  where  $\bar{A}$  is the a priori value of  $A$ .  $\bar{A}$  is related to  $A$  by

$$A = \bar{A} + \Delta A \quad (32)$$

where  $\Delta A$  is the error in  $\bar{A}$ . Thus, a new regression model is given by

$$V' = V - \bar{A}k = \Delta A k + Bk^2. \quad (33)$$

Usually  $\Delta A$  is small enough not to exert a dominating effect on  $B$ . For a recursive regression algorithm, the part of  $Ak$  known a priori can "scraped" off from  $V$  recursively. Therefore, this feature will be called the "scraping feature". A demonstration of the effectiveness of this feature is given below.

Example: Consider measurements generated by the model

$$V_k = Ak + Bk^2 + n_k, \quad k = 1 \text{ to } 100$$

where  $A = 1.111111$  and  $B = .000001$ . Measurement noise  $n_k$  has a normal distribution of mean zero and variance one. Least square regression with and without the scraping feature are used to estimate  $A$  and  $B$ . Results are shown in Table II. Improved results due to the scraping feature are evident.

Return to the IMU measurement model of Equations (1) and (2). Here, accurate determination of parameters  $A_2$  and  $A_4$  is more important than that of  $A_1$  and  $A_3$ . The scraping feature will be incorporated into the regression algorithm to enhance the accuracy of the estimated  $A_2$  and  $A_4$ . Define

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V'_N &= V_N - \bar{A}_1 t = \Delta A_1 t + A_2 t^2 + \Delta A_4 t^3 \\ V'_E &= V_E - \bar{A}_3 t = \Delta A_3 t + A_4 t^2 - \Delta A_2 t^3 \end{aligned} \right\} . \quad (34)$$

TABLE II. LEAST - SQUARE REGRESSIONS WITH and WITHOUT SCRAPING FEATURE

$$A = 1.11111$$

$$B = .000001$$

Least - square regression with scraping feature

| K   | ESTIMATES      |         |                          |         |
|-----|----------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
|     | $\hat{A}$<br>A | % Error | $\hat{A}$<br>B           | % Error |
| 10  | 1.11111        | 0.0000  | $9.45809 \times 10^{-7}$ | -5.4    |
| 50  | 1.111111       | 0.0000  | $1.00060 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.06    |
| 100 | 1.111111       | 0.0000  | $9.99795 \times 10^{-7}$ | 0.02    |

Least - square regression without scraping feature

| K   | ESTIMATES      |         |                          |         |
|-----|----------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
|     | $\hat{A}$<br>A | % Error | $\hat{A}$<br>B           | % Error |
| 10  | 1.11111        | 0.0000  | $9.53674 \times 10^{-7}$ | -4.6    |
| 50  | 1.11112        | 0.0007  | $8.34465 \times 10^{-7}$ | -16.6   |
| 100 | 1.11113        | 0.0014  | $8.34465 \times 10^{-7}$ | -16.6   |

where

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A_1 = \bar{A}_1 + \Delta A_1 \\ A_3 = \bar{A}_3 + \Delta A_3 \end{array} \right\} \quad (35)$$

Equation (34) is the new regression model for IMU self-alignment. Comparing Equation (34) to (1) and (2), one notes the following replacements:

$\Delta A_1$  replaces  $A_1$

$\Delta A_3$  replaces  $A_3$

$V'_N$  replaces  $V_N$

$V'_E$  replaces  $V_E$

Therefore, using similar replacements, the least-square results obtained in Section 3 can be modified for the model of Equation (34). From Equation (22), with proper replacement, one gets

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \Delta A_3 \\ A_4 \end{bmatrix}_k = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_3 & 0 & -K_4 \\ -K_3 & K_2 & K_4 & 0 \\ 0 & K_4 & K_1 & -K_3 \\ -K_4 & 0 & -K_3 & K_2 \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{bmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \\ W_4 \end{bmatrix}_k \quad (36)$$

where  $K_i$  are given by Equations (23) and (24), and  $W_i$  are obtained from Equation (16) as

$$W_1 = \int t V'_N dt$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 w_2 &= \int (t^2 v_N' - t^3 v_E') dt \\
 w_3 &= \int t v_E' dt \\
 w_4 &= \int (t^2 v_E' + t^3 v_N') dt
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (37)$$

Once  $(A_1)_k$  and  $(A_3)_k$  are determined,  $(A_1)_k$  and  $(A_3)_k$  are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 (A_1)_k &= (A_1)_{k-1} + (\Delta A_1)_k \\
 (A_3)_k &= (A_3)_{k-1} + (\Delta A_3)_k
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (38)$$

The algorithm for  $w_i$  of Equation (37) is more involved than that given by Equations (27) to (30). First consider the scraping of  $v_N'$  to give  $v_N'$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (v_N')_k &= (v_N)_k - (A_1)_{k-1} t_k \\
 &= (v_N)_{k-1} + (\Delta v_N)_k \\
 &\quad - [(A_1)_{k-2} + (\Delta A_1)_{k-1}] (t_{k-1} + \Delta t) \\
 &= (v_N)_{k-1} + \underbrace{(A_1)_{k-2} t_{k-1} + (\Delta v_N)_k - (A_1)_{k-2} \Delta t}_{(v_N')_{k-1}} - (A_1)_{k-1} t_k
 \end{aligned}$$

$(v_E')_k$  can be obtained from  $(v_E)_k$  in a similar way. Hence

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 (v_N')_k &= (v_N')_{k-1} + (\Delta v_N)_k - (A_1)_{k-2} \Delta t - (A_1)_{k-1} t_k \\
 (v_E')_k &= (v_E')_{k-1} + (\Delta v_E)_k - (A_3)_{k-2} t_k - (A_3)_{k-1} t_k
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (39)$$

Next, consider the effect of  $\Delta A_1$ , and  $\Delta A_3$  on  $W_1$ . From Equation (17), replacing  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  by  $\Delta A_1$  and  $\Delta A_3$ , respectively,

$$\begin{bmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \\ W_4 \end{bmatrix}_k = \begin{bmatrix} t_k^3 & t_k^4 & 0 & \mu t_k^5 \\ 3 & 4 & & \\ t_k^4 & t_k^5 + \frac{u^2 t_k^7}{7} & -\frac{u t_k^5}{5} & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & & \\ 0 & -\frac{u t_k^5}{5} & \frac{t_k^3}{3} & \frac{t_k^4}{4} \\ & & & \\ \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} & 0 & \frac{t_k^4}{4} & \frac{t_k^5}{5} + \frac{u^2 t_k^7}{7} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{bmatrix} \Delta A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \Delta A_3 \\ A_4 \end{bmatrix}_k \quad (40)$$

The part of  $W_1$  due to  $\Delta A_1$  and  $\Delta A_3$  alone are, therefore, given by

$$(\Delta W_1)_k = \frac{t_k^3}{3} (\Delta A_1)_k$$

$$(\Delta W_2)_k = \frac{t_k^4}{4} (\Delta A_1)_k - \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} (\Delta A_3)_k$$

$$(\Delta W_3)_k = \frac{t_k^3}{3} (\Delta A_3)_k$$

$$(\Delta W_4)_k = \frac{t_k^4}{4} (\Delta A_3)_k + \frac{\mu t_k^5}{5} (\Delta A_1)_k$$

$(\Delta W_1)_k$  are the a posteriori correction for  $(W_1)_k$  after  $(\Delta A_1)_k$ ,  $(\Delta A_3)_k$ , and  $(\Delta A_3)_k$  are estimated. Ideally  $\Delta A_1 = \Delta A_3 = 0$ , therefore, the corrected  $(W_1)_k$  denoted  $(W_1^C)_k$  are given by

$$(w_i^c)_k = (w_i)_k - (\Delta w_i)_k, \quad i = 1 \text{ to } 4. \quad (42)$$

Now one is ready to modify Equations (27) to (30) for the algorithm for  $w_i$ . The modifications consist of replacing:

$$v_{Nf} \text{ by } v_{Nf}'$$

$$v_{Ni} \text{ by } v_{Ni}'$$

$$v_{Ef} \text{ by } v_{Ef}'$$

$$v_{Ei} \text{ by } v_{Ei}'$$

$$(w_i)_{k-1} \text{ at the right-hand side by } (w_i^c)_{k-1}$$

The result is

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1)_k &= (w_1)_{k-1} - (\Delta w_1)_{k-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6} (v_{Nf}' - v_{Ni}')_k (t_f^2 + t_f t_i + t_i^2)_k \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (v_{Nf}' t_f^2 - v_{Ni}' t_i^2)_k. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (w_2)_k &= (w_2)_{k-1} - (\Delta w_2)_{k-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{12} (v_{Nf}' - v_{Ni}')_k (t_f^3 + t_f^2 t_i + t_f t_i^2 + t_i^3)_k \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} (v_{Nf}' t_f^3 - v_{Ni}' t_i^3)_k \\ &\quad + \frac{11}{20} (v_{Ef}' - v_{Ei}')_k (t_f^4 + t_f^3 t_i + t_f^2 t_i^2 + t_f t_i^3 + t_i^4)_k \\ &\quad - \frac{11}{4} (v_{Ef}' t_f^4 - v_{Ei}' t_i^4)_k \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (W_3)_k &= (W_3)_{k-1} - (\Delta W_3)_{k-1} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{6} (V_{Ef} - V_{Ei})_k (t_f^2 + t_f t_i + t_i^2)_k \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (V_{Ef} t_f - V_{Ei} t_i)_k. \tag{45}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (W_4)_k &= (W_4)_{k-1} - (\Delta W_4)_{k-1} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{12} (V'_{Ef} - V'_{Ei})_k (t_f^3 + t_f^2 t_i + t_f t_i^2 + t_i^3)_k \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3} (V'_{Ef} t_f^3 - V'_{Ei} t_i^3)_k \\
 &\quad - \frac{\mu}{20} (V'_{Nf} - V'_{Ni})_k (t_f^4 + t_f^3 t_i + t_f^2 t_i^2 + t_f t_i^3 + t_i^4)_k \\
 &\quad + \frac{\mu}{4} (V'_{Nf} t_f^4 - V'_{Ni} t_i^4)_k. \tag{46}
 \end{aligned}$$

The complete set of least-square regression algorithms with the scraping feature is given by Equations (36), (38), (39), (41), (43), (44), (45), and (46).

#### Testing the Scraping Feature

A least-square regression algorithm with scraping feature was implemented into an IMU self-alignment and gyrocompassing software. The software was then tested on a long range missile IMU. A total of 1223 sets of incremental velocities  $\Delta V_N$ ,  $\Delta V_E$ , and  $\Delta V_A$  was measured. The algorithm was recursive which yielded 1222 sets of alignment results beginning with the second measurement set. For the sake of comparison, another test run using a least-square algorithm without the scraping feature was also made.

It was predicted that the algorithm with scraping would result in faster convergence as compared to the algorithm without scraping. This pre-

dition was confirmed by the test results, although the improvement is small. Figure 1 shows the convergence plot of values for  $\alpha$ , the heading angle,  $D_N'$ , the north channel drift, and  $D_E'$ , the east channel drift.

Algorithms used in the test are listed in the appendices. Appendix A contains the algorithm with the scraping feature, and Appendix B contains the one without the feature.

#### V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Two software features have been described in this report. The features are applicable to TM self alignment and gyrocompassing. The first feature is the use of continuous-time arithmetic in a least-square regression algorithm. This feature avoids the error caused by the discrete-time model. The second feature, called scraping, is intended to enhance the accuracy of determining the drift parameters by recursively scraping off from measured velocities those components caused by platform tilt misalignment. The result of scraping is to reduce the effect of computer round-off error. In the sample test, the improvement of gyrocompassing by scraping is small. This is due to the small round-off error to begin with. In the case where round-off error is severe, scraping should provide appreciable improvement in gyrocompassing.

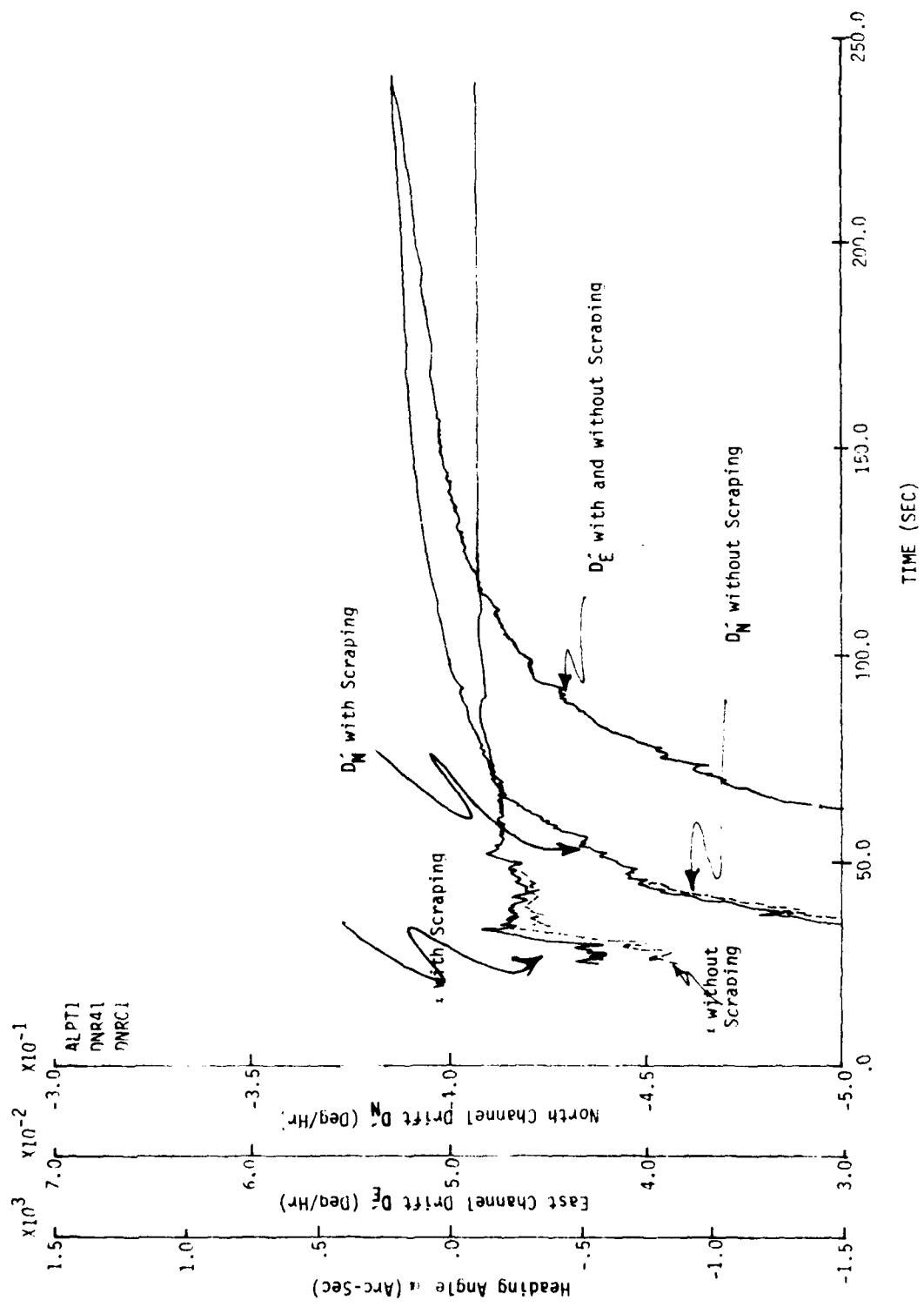


Figure 1. Convergence of  $\alpha$ ,  $D_N^i$ , and  $D_E^i$ .

APPENDIX A. FORTRAN PROGRAM FOR LEAST - SQUARE WITH SCRAPING



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C      DATA 113/167777B/
C      DETERMINE IF AL13 IS TO BE EXECUTED
C
C      IF(INF.NE.0) GO TO 1
C      FST10=0
C      RETURN
C
C      DETERMINE IF FIRST OR SECOND TIME THROUGH. FIRST TIME
C      THROUGH WILL NOT COMPUTE THE LSF
C
C      1  IF(FST10-1)2,4,4
C
C      FIRST TIME THROUGH SET NUMBER OF ITERATIONS
C      AND INITIAL CONDITIONS
C
C      2  FST10=1
C          NLSF=1NLSF
C
C      CONVERT FROM DLG/HR TO RAD/SEC
C
C      FFRU=FRU/(3600.*DEGRA)
C      U=-FFRU/3.
C
C      T1=0.
C      DTSQ=DELT1*DELT1
C      DTCB=DTSQ*DELT1
C      DTQD=DTSQ*DTQD
C      A1=.3333333333*DTSQ
C      A2=.25*DTCB
C      A3=.2*DTQD*U
C
C      VNF=DVR(1)
C      VEF=-DVR(2)
C      VAF=-DVR(3)
C
C      W1=VNF*A1
C      W2A=VNF*A2
C      W2B=- VEF*A3
C      W3=VEF*A1
C      W4A=VEF*A2
C      W4B=VNF*A3
C      W5=VAF*A1
C      K=1
C      DX1=0.
C      DX3=0.
C      X1 =0.
C      X11 = 0.0
C      X3 =0.
C      X33 = 0.0
C      GO TO 5
C
C      SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT TIMES THROUGH, COMPUTE
C      W1 TO W5, S1 TO S5, AND X1 TO X5
C
C      4  K=K+1

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C
C COMPUTE W1 TO WS
C
T1=TI+DELT1
TF=TI+DELT1
C
UN1=VNF
VNF=VNF+DVR(1) + X11*DELT1 - DX1*TF
VE1=VEF
VEF=VE1+DVR(2) + X33*DELT1 - DX3*TF
VA1=VAF
VAF=VA1+DVR(3)
C
TFSQ=TF*TF
TFCB=TFSQ*TF
TFQD=TFSQ*TF
TFQT=TFSQ*TFCB
T1SQ=TI*TI
TICB=T1SQ*TI
T1QD=T1SQ*T1SQ
C
T2ND=TFSQ+TF*T14*T1SQ
T3RD=TFCB+TFSQ*(1+TF*T1SQ+T1CB
T4TH=TFQD*TFCB*T14*TFSQ*T1SQ*TF*TFQD*T1QD
C
A1=.3333333333*TFCB*DX1
A2=.25*TFQD*DX1+.2*TFQD*DX3
A3=.3333333333*TFCB*DX3
A4=.25*TFQD*DX3+.2*TFQT*DX1
C
W1=W1-(VNF-VNI)*T2ND/6.+(VNF*TFSQ-VNI*T1SQ)*.5-A1
W2A=W2A-(VNF-VNI)*T3RD/12.+(VNF*TFCB-VNI*T1CB)*.3
W2B=W2B+0.5*(VEF-VE1)*T4TH*.05-(VEF*TFSQ-VE1*T1SQ)*.25-A2
W3=W3-(VEF-VE1)*T2ND/6.+(VEF*TFSQ-VE1*T1SQ)*.5-A3
W4A=W4A-(VNF-VNI)*T3RD/12.+(VNF*TFCB-VNI*T1CB)*.3
W4B=W4B-0.5*(VNF-VNI)*T4TH*.05-(VNF*TFSQ-VNI*T1SQ)*.25-A4
WS=WS-(VAF-VA1)*T2ND/6.+(VAF*TFSQ-VA1*T1SQ)*.5
C
C COMPUTE S1 TO S5
C
C
TFU=TF*U
TFUSQ=TFU*TFU
PP=35.464.*TFUSQ
QQ=7.+.5.*TFUSQ
KKRB=TFCB*TF
KKRC=RRRB*TF
KKRD=RRRC*TF
C
S1=240.*QQ/KKR
S2=2800./RRRD
S3=2100./RRRC
S4=1680.*U/RRRB
S5=.5./TFCB
C

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C COMPUTE X1 TO X5
C
      X1A=-S1*W1-S3*W2A-S4*W4A
      X1B=-S3*W2B-S4*W4B
      DX1=X1A+X1B
      X1=X1
      X1=X1+DX1
      X2A=-S3*W1+S2*W2A+S4*W3
      X2B=S2*W2B
      X2=X2A+X2B
      X3A=S4*W2A+S1*W3-S3*W4A
      X3B=S4*W2B-S3*W4B
      DX3=X3A+X3B
      X3=X3
      X3=X3+DX3
      X4A=-S4*W1-S3*W3+S2*W4A
      X4B=S2*W4B
      X4=X4A+X4B
      X5=S5*W5

C FILL BUFFER
C
      5 KIEL10 = 125B
      BUF1(6) = 13
      DO 10 I = 1,3
         BUF1(I+23) = LR(I)
         BUF1(I+20) = LRD(I)
10     BUF1(I+6) = DVR(I)
      DO 20 I = 1,6
20     BUF1(I+9) = THETA(I)
      DO 30 I = 1,5
30     BUF1(I+15) = THETM(I)
      BUF1(27) = TLSF

C
      IF (K.LE.NLSF) RETURN
      AFLAG=1AND(I13,AFLAG)
      FST10=0
      END

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APPENDIX B. FORTRAN PROGRAM FOR LEAST-SQUARE WITHOUT SCRAPING

```

CROUTINE AL53CIN
C
C      STORED AS "AL53C" ON DISC
C      REV. 25 SEPT 80
C
C*****NEW MICOM LEAST SQUARE FIT ROUTINE
C      7AUG78    REV. 13AUG80 1
C
C      THIS ROUTINE COMPUTES ESTIMATES OF TILT AND TILT RATE
C      BY PERFORMING A LEAST SQUARES FIT OF VELOCITY DATA IN
C      REFERENCE COORDINATES
C
C      STANDARD COMMON
C
C      7/30/74
C
C      REAL K1S,K0,K1,K2,K3,K5,K7,KN0G,K1X,LAMDA,LAT,IDENT,
C      $ MTRXA,MTRXB,MTRXC,TA,KTD,MODIP
C
C      INTEGER GYPSL,ANGYP,SLEW,UD1SC,ZSFLG,HFLG,CDFLG,EREG,SEFLG,
C      $ TEM2,ALFLAG,EST,YEAR,DAY,HOURS,SECS,ERRUT,AXIS
C      $ ,RTE10,SYNC,ERROR
C
C      COMMON ANGLE(3),SMANG(6),K19(2,3,2),THE1(3),GAC(3),DTHLT,GYPSL,
C      $ A2GYP,SLEW(6),THUT,IMUD(2),IMULN(16),ED1SC,UD1SC,DELC(3),
C      $ NUM(6),RDCL(3),ZSFLG,HFLG,CDFLG,MDFLG,IRFLG,TFELG,EREG(3),
C      $ NEGCL,THA(3),K0C(3,3),K1(2,3),K2(3),K3(3),K5(2,3),K7(3),
C      $ KNOM(2),K1X(3),DLTA(6),DV(3),TURQ(3),IDUM1,JUP,SA(3),EDU,
C      $ CDD,WL(3),ER(3),DLT,RDCL,FRNT,RCN1,TRP(3,3),RMAX,
C      $ RMAXL,LAMDA,LAT(3),DI(3),DI(3),DU(3),G,HTA(6),G1(3),
C      $ TM1NR,THE11,THE12,DV(3),ED(3),IDUM2,SEFLG,OMEGE,TRE(3,3),
C      $ TRD(3,3),TPD(3,3),PHI2,PHI1,DEGRA,CONV1,IDUM3,ALFLAG,EST(12),
C      $ YEAR,MONTH,DAY,HOURS,MINS,SECS,MSECS,CDL(2,3),DCULD(2,3),
C      $ CNEW(2,3),DCNLW(2,3),CC(2,3),DV(2,3),ERRUT,CPF,MODIP,UT1P,TEM2,
C      $ IDENT(3,3),MTRXA(3,3),MTRXB(3,3),MTRXC(3,3),TRD,THE1,CP(3,3),
C      $ TCD(3,3),LDR,KTA(3),KTD(3),TRD(3,3),THEA(6),AXIS(3),
C      $ TLSF,FLAT,FR(3),THEIM(3),ALD(2),
C      $ Q1ME(250),THNOR(250),THWLS(250),EDNU(250),ETDWS(250),RK,THG(250)
C      $ R ,ALPTP(125),KPLUT,X1P(250),X2P(250),X3P(250),X4P(250),X5P(250)
C      $ S ,DNRCP(125),DNRQ(125),NSEQ7,ALPTQ(125)
C      $ ,RTE10,SYNC,NBUF,IMUSN,ISPACE,BUF1(30),BUF2(32),ERROR
C
C*****DIMENSION INLSF(2)
C*****EQUIVALENCE (THEIM(3),X1),(THEIM(2),X2),(THEIM(3),X3),
C      $ A,(THEIM(4),X4),(THEIM(5),X5),INLSF,TLSF),(INLSF(2),K3)

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        EQUIVALENCE (FRC(5),FRU)
        DATA 113/16/2220/
C      DETERMINE IF ALL IS TO BE EXECUTED
C
C      IF (INI .NE. 0) GO TO 3
C      FST10=0
C      RETURN
C
C      DETERMINE IF FIRST OR SECOND TIME THROUGH. FIRST TIME
C      THROUGH WILL NOT COMPUTE THE LSF
C
C      1  IF (FST10 .EQ. 4) 4
C
C      FIRST TIME THROUGH SET NUMBER OF ITERATIONS
C      AND INITIAL CONDITIONS
C
C      2  FST10=1
C          NLSEF = 1NLSEF
C
C      CONVERT FROM DEG/HR TO RAD/SEC
C
C      FFRU=FRU/(3600.*DEGRA)
C
C      MINUS SIGN INSERTED. MAY BE REMOVED WITH $ON,52
C
C      U = -FFRU/3.
C
C      T1=0.
C      DTSQ=DEL T1*DELTT
C      DTCB=DTSQ*DELTT
C      DTQD=DTSQ*DTSQ
C      A1=.333333333*DTSQ
C      A2=.25*DTCB
C      A3=.2*DTQD*U
C
C      UNF=DVR(1)
C      VEF=DVR(2)
C      VAF=DVR(3)
C
C      W1=UNF*A1
C      W2A=UNF*A2
C      W2B=-VEF*A3
C      W3=VEF*A1
C      W4A=VEF*A2
C      W4B=UNF*A3
C      W5=VAF*A1
C      K=1
C      GO TO 5
C
C      SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT TIMES THROUGH, COMPUTE
C          W1 TO WS, S1 TO SS, AND X1 TO XS
C
C      4  K=K+1
C
C      COMPUTE W1 TO WS

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```
X3A= S4*W2A+S1*W3+S3*W4A
X3B= S4*W2B S3*W4B
X3=X3A+X3B
X4A= S4*W1 S3*W3+S2*W4A
X4B= S2*W4B
X4=X4A+X4B
X5= S5*W5

C
C      FILL BUFFER
C
C      K1E10 = 1258
C      BUF1(6) = 13
C      DO 10 I = 1,3
C          BUF1(I+23) = ER(I)
C          BUF1(I+20) = E1D(I)
C 10    BUF1(I+6) = DVR(I)
C          DO 20 I = 1,6
C 20    BUF1(I+9) = THETA(I)
C          DO 30 I = 1,5
C 30    BUF1(I+15) = THETM(I)
C          BUF1(27) = TLESF
C
C      IF (K.LE.NLSI) RETURN
C
C      AFLAG=1AND(113,AFLAG)
C      FST10=0
C      END
```

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